

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information communication device notifying a managing device of device information collected regarding a management target device by electric mail, said information communication device comprising:

an information selecting section for selecting local to the target device which of the collected device information is to be converted into mail data and which of the collected device information is to be converted into attached data; and

a transmission processing section that converts the collected device information into attached data or mail data, in accordance with the selection performed by the information selecting section, and transmits an electric mail containing both the attached data and the mail data to said managing device.

Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled.

4. (previously presented) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said transmission processing section is set so as to convert use information indicating the state of use of said management target device into attached data.

5. (previously presented) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said transmission processing section is set so as to transmit device information regarding a plurality of management target devices located in a predetermined area by a same electric mail.

6. (original) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said transmission processing section is set so as to send the electric mail transmitted to the manager, also to another destination according to a request by a user.

7. (original) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said transmission processing section includes an encoding section for

encoding attached data, and is set so as to have the encoded attached data in an electric mail.

8. (currently amended) A remote management system comprising:
an information communication device notifying a managing device of device information collected regarding a management target device by electric mail, said information communication device including an information selecting section for selecting local to the target device which of the collected device information is to be converted into mail data and which of the collected device information is to be converted into attached data; and a transmission processing section that converts the device information into attached data or mail data, in accordance with the selection performed by the information selecting section, and transmits an electric mail containing both the attached data and the mail data to said managing device;
a management target device that causes said information communication device to transmit an electric mail containing device information; and
a managing device that performs remote management of said management target device, based on the device information contained in the electric mail transmitted from said information communication device.

9. (currently amended) An information communication method for notifying a managing device of device information collected regarding a management target device by electric mail, said method comprising the steps of:
selecting local to the target device which of the collected device information is to be converted into mail data and which of the collected data is to be converted into attached data;
converting the collected device information into attached data or mail data, in accordance with said selecting; and
transmitting an electric mail containing both the attached data and the mail data to said managing device.

10. (currently amended) A recording medium storing a computer program for information communication for notifying a managing device of device information collected regarding a management target device by electric mail, wherein:

said information communication includes the steps of selecting local to the target device which of the collected device information is to be converted into mail data and which of the collected information is to be converted into attached data, and converting the collected device information into attached data or mail data, in accordance with said selecting and transmitting an electric mail containing both the attached data and the mail data to the managing device.

Claims 11-32 are withdrawn.

33. (previously presented) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said attached data is produced by a dedicated program, whereby said attached data is readable only by said dedicated program.

34. (previously presented) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said mail data being compressed at a first rate, and attached data is compressed at a second compression rate greater than said first compression rate.

35. (previously presented) The information communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the information selecting section selects, from out of the collected device information, device information that is of a confidential nature to be converted into attached data.